

Bro. John H. Campbell, S.M.
50 years of profession



Brother John H. Campbell, S.M., was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 18, 1940, the second child of Mal and Jack Campbell. He attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, N.Y., before entering the Marianist novitiate in August 1958 and professing his first vows on Sept. 2, 1959.

He graduated in 1962 from the University of Dayton with a bachelor's degree in biology.

In 1962 when Chaminade High School in Hollywood, Fla., was beginning its third year of existence, Bro. John was assigned to teach biology, math and religion. He established the school's cross-country and track team, seeing four of his athletes qualify for state competition that first year.

In the years that followed, "going to state" became characteristic of Brother John's cross country teams—teams which were state champions three times and runners-up twice. During his tenure, Bro. John was named "Coach of the Year" by various newspapers for a total of 20 times.

In 1964, Bro. John left Chaminade to work as assistant novice director at Rose Hill, Va., and was very involved with the formation program during most of his years as a professed member. While in the novitiate, he began his studies at the University of Virginia completing a master's degree in education.

Bro. John returned to Chaminade in 1968 to teach religious psychology and counseling. In 1973, he was the school psychologist and member of the Administrative Council. In 1985, he was appointed as the first president of Chaminade and was occupied with the merger of Chaminade High School and Madonna Academy, when it became Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory in 1989.

Bro. John was a member of the New York Province's Chapter for 20 years and a member of the Provincial Council as assistant for religious life under Fr. Pat Tonry's administration.

In 1995, Bro. John began his second term as president of Chaminade-Madonna. His love for those less fortunate has been clearly defined in his commitment toward expanding the school's tuition assistance program. Under his leadership, tuition assistance reached a record high of \$400,000!

For his lifelong commitment to Catholic education, Bro. John was inducted into the Catholic Educational Foundation Hall of Fame in 2003.

In 2002, after his sabbatical, Bro. John was assigned to Saint Louis School in Honolulu, where he is the senior counselor to 140 students. He lives at the Hale Malia community on the slopes of Kalaepohaku overlooking Diamond Head. *What a blessing!*

As an aging Marianist, Bro. John says he finds the fulfillment/satisfaction of his life both in his work and community living.

"Entering into the closing stages of my life, I prefer to journey more as a *human being* than as a *human working*, even though it is so countercultural, " said Bro. John. "The greatest satisfaction for me in community living is the amazing experience of living with other men who believe in the same Jesus, who is born of Mary, and then sharing that faith with my brothers, especially in our daily community prayer. It is within the context of community that I am challenged to be the best I can be and affirmed for the good within me.

The greatest amount of satisfaction for me at work is the incredible realization that I can make, and do make, a difference in the lives of the people with whom I work as well as those I serve. Each day I anticipate going to work and returning home to community."